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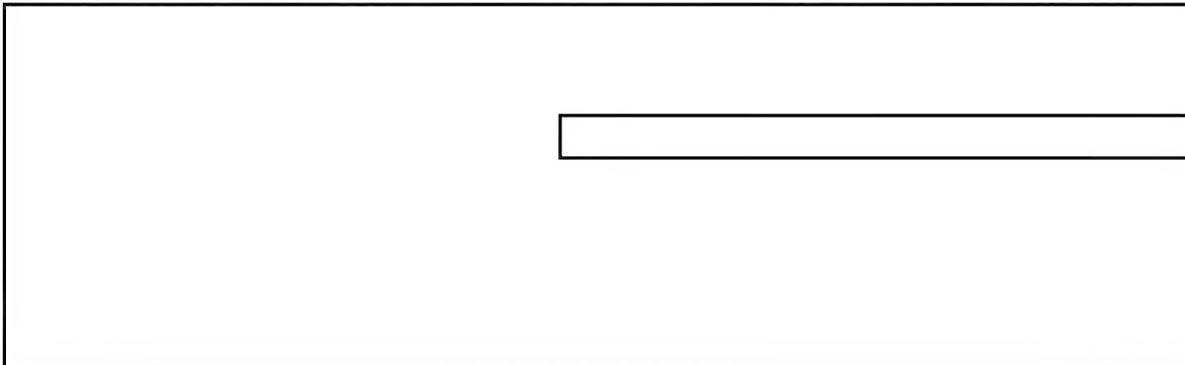
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Possible Cuban Action Against Water Supply of
US Naval Base

1. Cuban reaction to the 18 and 19 August raids has been strong and the official Cuban communique accuses the US of direct responsibility. There will probably be further such raids and the Cuban reaction can be expected to intensify.

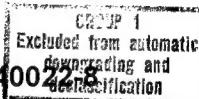
2. It has been Castro's policy to respond to each new US "aggressive act" with an act of retaliation. The most recent such act was the decree nationalizing the US embassy building on 24 July. This was in response to the US financial controls imposed earlier in the month.

3. The next Cuban retaliatory act could be the cutting off of the water supply to the US Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay. This possibility, for which the US Navy has had contingency plans for at least two years, is increased by the simple fact that Castro seems to have exhausted just about all other possibilities for non-violent direct action against US interests. He himself said on 26 July that the US embassy building was "the only thing they had left here."



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